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THE CHRISTIAN ON TRIAL THE THEME OF HIS DISCOURSE.

The World, Conscience, an Angel and

Standing in a court room you say to yourveriliet has been remiered, at this judge's desk sentence has been pronounced." But I have to tell you to-day of a trial higher than my over and terminer, or circuit, or supreme, or chancery. It is the trial of every Christian man for the life of his soul. This trial is different from any other in the fact that it is both civil and criminal. The issues at stake are tremendous, and I shall in my sermon show you, first, what are the grounds of complaint; then who are the witnesses in the rause, and lastly, who are the advocates.

When a trial is called on, the first thing is O Christian man, and I sar the indictment of the court of high he ven against thy soul! ents. You know how it thunhow the mountain rocked, and the smoke as- him, I have to announce his multiplied im cended as from a smoldering furnace, and | perfections. I dare not keep back the testithe darkness gathered thick, and the loud, mony, for then I should not dare to appear deep trumpet attered the words; "The soul that sinneth, it shall die!" Are you guilty or | white throne," not guilty? Do not put in a negetive plea too quick, for I have to announce that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. There is none that doeth good; no, not one, Whosoever shall keep the whole law yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." Do not, therefore, be too hasty in pronouncing yourself not gullty.

This lawsuit before us also charges you Many a time did we promise to be the Lord's. We got down on our knees and said: "O munion. You remember it as well as if it of the atonement that I brought with which were yesterday. You know how the vision to cleanse his soul, he sometimes despised. I of the cross rose before you. You remember | came from the throne of God to convert, and how from the head, and the hands, and the these two words: "Remember me!" You unresisted, I would have made him." recall how the cup of communion trembled in your hand when you first took it; and as lifted the cup of communion, and you heard shining as though you had been of condemnation! on the Mount of Transfiguration; and the very air seemed tramulous with the love of Christian man! Have you not so faltered when you ought to have been true? Have you not been proud when you ought to

upon myself-we have broken the contract. Still further, this lawsuit claims damages Christian religion is an inconsistent professor. The Bible says religion is one thing: stency may religion is some they cannot see any in themselves. If you shall at any time find some miserable old gossip, with imperfections from the crown of her head to the sole of her foot, a perfect blotch of sin herself, she will go tattling, tattling, tattling all the years of her life about the inconsistencies of others, having n idea that she is inconsistent herself. God s ve the world from the gossip, female and male! I think the males are the worst. Now the chariot of Christ's salvation goes on through the world, but it is our inconsisten cles, my brethren, that block up the wheels, while all along the line there ought to have been cast nothing but palm branches, and the shout should have been lifted, "Hosanna to the son of David," Now you have heard the indictment read.

hero? I charge it upon you and I charge it

Are you ready to plead guilty or not guilty? Perhaps you are not ready yet to plead. Then the trial will go on. The witnesses will be called, and we shall have the matter decided. tion: "Oyez! oyez! Whosoever hath anything to offer in this trial, in which God is the blaintiff and the Christian soul the defendant, let him now step forth and give testimony in this solemn trial."

The first witness that I call upon the stand in behalf of the prosecution is the World-all critical and observant of Christian character. who perpetually banquet on the frailties of God's children. You may know, if you have nothing so much as carrien. There are those who imagine that out of the faults of Christions they can make a bridge of boats are going to try it; but, alas, for the mistake! When they get amid stream away will go the bridge and down will edy eye and the hard heart, come on the stand now and testify in behalf of the prosecution against this Christian soul on trial "Oh," says the World, "I know a great deal about him. He talks about putting his lorn a cause? Sometimes a man will b treasures in Heaven, but he is the sharpest | brought into a court of law, and he will have man in a trade I ever knew. He seems to | no friends and no money, and the judge will want us to believe that he is a child of God, look over the bar and say: "Is there any one but he is just full of imperfections. I do not | who will volunteer to take this man's case know but I am a great deal better than he is | and defend him?" and some young man rises talks so little about Christ and so much about | starting on from that very point to a great himself, I am very glad to testify that this is and brilliant career. Now, in this matter of

hard heart. I fear you are too much interested in this trial to give impartial evi- young man, only 13 years of age. I see His dence. Let all those who hear the testimony of this witness know that there is an old family quarrel between these two parties. are thrilled with the spectacle. the World and the Church, and while the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. world on the witness stand to-day has told a | O. Christian soul, your case begins to look great deal of truth about this Christian man, you must take it all with some allowance nembering that they still keep the old grudge good. O, World of the greedy eye and ever so qualified to defend a man as this adthe hard heart, that will do. You may sit

DR. TALMAGE'S SERMON, Conscience, "I was born in heaven. I came sides that he has undertaken the care of THE GOOSE BONE'S PROPHECY. down to befriend this man. I have lived thousands who were as forlorn as you, and with him. I have instructed him. I have like has never list a case. Courage, O Chriswarned him. I showed him the right and tian soul! I think that after all there may be the wrong, advising him to take the one and some chance for you, for the great advocate eschew the other. I have kindled a great rises to make his plea. He says: "I admit all that has been proved against my client. I have scourged his wickedness and I admit all these sins, aye, more; but look at have tried to cheer him when doing right; that wounded hand of mine, and look at that

the Holy Ghost Bear Witness Against and yet I am compelled to testify on the other wounded band, and at my right Him, but Christ Pleads His Case and stand to-day that he has sometimes rejected foot and at my left foot. But all have I pressed to his lips that he dashed ance. Count all the drops of BROOKLYN, Dec. 19.—The Rev. T. DeWitt down, and how often has be stood with his tears. Count all the drops of my blood. By mage, D. D., preached to-day in the hard heel on the bleeding heart of the Son of the humiliation of Bethlehem, by the sweat Brooklyn Tabernacle on the subject: "On God! It pains me very much that I have to frial," taking for his text I John i, 2: "We testify against this Christian man, and yet I have an advocate with the Father, Jesus must, in behalf of Him who will in no wise hath leaned; to this heart he hath flown; in self: "At this bar crime has often been ar has been neglectful. He has done a thousand I am the ransom. Let him escape the lash; I raigned; at this witness stand the oath has offen been taken; at this jurors' beach the undone a thousand things he ought to have done, and left took the seourgings. Let the cup pass from the undone a thousand things he ought to have him; I drank it to the dregs. Put on him the

sit down.

The third witness I call in the case, is an bis throne of triumph." sit down. have guarded him. I have watched him. you know the silence, and the solemnity, With this wing I have defended him, and when the verdict is about to be rendered or chalices. When bad spirits came upon him All the universe cries, "Hear! Hear!" to have the indictment and. Stand up, then, to destroy him I fought them back with The judge rises and gives this decision, influite flerceress; and yet I have to never to be changed, never to be revoked testify to-day that he has rejected my mis- "There is, therefore, now no condemnation to It is an indictment of ten counts, for thou | sion. He has not done as he ought to have | them who are in Christ Jesus." anst directly or indirectly broken all the ten | done. Though I came from the sky he drove me back. Though with this wing I defended dered on Sinai, and when God came down him, and though with this voice I wood

again amongst the sinless ones before the There is only one more witness to be called on behalf of the prosecution, and that is the great, the holy, the august, the omnipotent spirit of God. We bow down before Him. Holy Spirit, knowest thou this man! "Oh, yes," says the holy one, "I know him. I have striven with him ten thousand simes, and though sometimes he did seem to repent, he fell back again as often from his first estate. with the breaking of a solemn contract. Ten thousand times ten thousand has he grieved Me, although the Bible warned him saying: 'Grieve not the Holy Ghost. Quench | his teeth. Lord, I am Thine now and forever," Did not the spirit. Yes, he has driven Me back. you keep the promise! Have you stood up to Though I am the third person of the Trinity the contract? I go back to your first com- be has trampled on my mission, and the blood

comfort, and sanctify, and yet look at that side, and the feet, there came blesding forth | man, and see what he is compared with what, The evidence on the part of the prosecution in a sea shell you may hear, or think you rebuttal testimony. What have you, O the darkness. Clouds fly like flocks of hear, the roaring of the surf even after the Christian soul, to bring in reply to this evi- swift eagles. Great thunders beat and boom shell has been taken from the beach, so you dence of the World, of the Conscience, of the and burst. Stars shoot and fall. The Al-Angel and of the Holy Ghost? No evidence? | mighty, rising on his throne, declares that in it the surging of the great ocean of a Are all these things true? "Yes, unclean, un-Saviour's agony; and you came forth clean," says every Christian soul. What? trump repeats it till all the living hear, and from that communion service with Do you not begin to tremble at the thought the continents of dead spring to their feet,

We have come now to the most interesting part of this great trial. The evidence all in, great many meanne es. That profes will be honorable as long as it has attached to it such names as Mansfield, and have been humble! Have you not played Marshall, and Story, and Kent, and Souththe coward when you ought to have been the | and and William Wirt. The court room has sometimes been the scene of very marvelous and thrilling things. Some of you remember the famous Girard will case, where one of and Christianity in masterly Anglo-Saxon,

every paragraph a thunderbolt. Some of you have read of the famous trial in Westminster hall of Warren Hastings, the It is, that people can see faults in others while | despoiler of India. That great man had conquered India by splendid talents, by courage, by bribes, by gigantic dishonesty. The whole world had rung with applause or condemnation. Gathered in Westminster hall was one of the most famous audiences ever gathered. Foreign ministers and princes sat ther Peers marched in clad in ermine and gold. Mighty men and women from all lands looked down upon the scene. Amid all that pomp and splendor, and amid an exciten such as has seldom been seen in any court room, Edmund Burke advanced, a speech which will last as long as the English language, concluding with this burning charge, which made Warren Hastings cringe and cower: "I impeach him in ent, whose trust he has betrayed. I impeach him in the name of the English nation whose ancient honor he has sullied. I im peace him in the name of the people of India. whose rights he has trampled on, and whose country he has turned into a desert. And, name of both sexes, in the name of every age and rank, I impeach him as the common ene

my and oppressor of all." But I turn from the recital of these men orable occasions to a grander trial, and I have to tell you that in this trial of the Christian for the life of his soul the advo cates are mightier, wiser and more eloquent. The evidence all being in, Justice risc on behalf of the prosecution to make hi lived in the country, that a crow cares for plea. With the Bible open in his hand he reads the law, stern and inflexible, and the cenalty: "The soul that sinneth it shall die. Then he says: "O thou, judge and lawgiver. across the stream of death, and they this is thine own statute, and all the evidence in earth and heaven agrees in stating that this man has sinned against all these en actments. Now let the sword leap from it go their soul to perdition. O, World of the | scabbard. Shall a man go through the very dames of Sinai unsinged! Let the law ! executed. Let judgment be pronounce

Let him die. I demand that he die. O Christian, does it not look very dark for thee? Who will plead on thy side in so for now. Oftentimes he is very earthly, and he | up and says: "I will be his counsel," perhaps the soul, as you have nothing to pay for Stop, O World with the greedy eye and the | counsel, do you think that any one will volunteer? Yes, yes; I see one rising. He is a countenance suffused with tears and covered with blood, and all the galleries of heaven unto God! "We have an advocate with the

better. I think, perhaps, after all you may not have to die. The best advocate in all the universe has taken your side. No one was vocate is qualified to defend you. He knows all the law, all its demands, all its penalties. A package containing \$1,900 in money. No He is always ready. No new turn of the name or address could be found to lead to the trate its report of the election returns, and as Conscience. Who art thou, Oh Consciencet | case can surprise Him, and He will plead for

my mission. Oh, how many cups of life these wounds I plend for his clearclear the guilty, say that this Christian man my tears he hath washed; on my righteoushas done wrong. He has been worldly. He ness he hath depended. Let him go free; ione." That will do, Conscience. You can crown of life, for I have worn the crown of

Angel of God. Bright and shining one, what | Well, the counsel on both sides have spoken, loest thou here! What hast thon to say and there is only one more thing now remainagainst this man on trial? "Oh!" says the ing, and that is the awarding of the judgangel, "I have been a messenger to him. I ment. If you have over been in a court room oftentimes when he knew it not I led him | the judgment about to be given. About this into the green pastures and beside the still |soul on trial, shall it be saved or shall it be vaters. I snatched from him the poisoned lost? Attention? above, around, beneath

> "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not, desert to His foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,

I'll never, no never, no never forsake." But, my friends, there is coming a day of trial in which not only the saint, but the sinner must appear. That day of trial will come very suddenly. The farmer will be at the plow, the merchant will be in the counting m, the woodman will be ringing his ax on the bickeries, the weaver will have his foot on the treadle, the manufacturer will be walking amid the buzz of looms and the clack of flying machinery, the counsel may be standing at the bar pleading the law, the minister may be in the pulpit pleading the gospel, the drunkard may be recling smid his cups, and the blasphemer with the oath caught between

Lo! The sun hides. Night comes down at mid-noon. A wave of darkness rolls over the earth. The stars appear at noonday. The earth shudders and throbs. There an earthquake opens and a city sinks as a crocodile would crunch a child. Mountains roll in their sockets and send down their granite cliffs in an avalanche of rock. Rivers pause in their chase for the sea, and ocean, uprearing, cries to flying Alps and Himalayas. has closed. Now let the defense bring on the Beasts bellow and smoan, and snuff up time shall be no longer, and the archangel's crying: "Time shall be no longer!" Oh, on

that day, will you be ready? I have shown you how well the Christain you, and the Lord God Almighty is against reached his 80th year. you? Better this day secure an advocate.

Perhaps you never stopped to think that in a city like Chicago live a good many people of various sorts who are able to enjoy no at your hands. The greatest slander on the our advocates pleaded the cause of the Bible greater comfort, no more delicious luxury, than a warm place to sleep. Thinking the matter over you will doubtless perceive that anything like happiness or contentment without a snug, warm place to sleep o' nights is impossible. Given fine raiment, rich food. good health, wealth and all of the pleasures, delicacies and luxuries which money can buy or youth and vigor can enjoy-all would be a mockery without a warm place to sleep. The prisoner in solitary confinement, the conlemned man in his cell, the pauper in a charity bed, the hopeless invalid on a couch that is never to be left save in death, is favored by fortune compared with him who possesses no warm retreat at night, who has nost forgotten what it is to sleep without cramps, chills and icy specters. If any living very clever, and promises to become a good fellows it is the one whom night makes homeless, who has door after door shut in his face, who is cast out from the habitations of man to shift for himself like a wild beast. All this is what a policeman meant to say when he thus chatted at the west end of Madison

"What are those chaps doing there on the idewalk next the flour mill? Gittin' warm. Some of em's tramps who haint got no money some's newsboys and bootblacks who'd rather spend their money goin' to the theaytres than for lodgin's, and some's fellers in tough luck. No matter who they be an' what brought 'em here, I haint got the heart to drive 'em away. You see, there's big steam boilers right under the sidewalk there, and those grates are reg'lar hot air registers. Go stand over there an' see now warm it is. Some of 'em sleeps there all night, an' mighty glad of the chance, too Them cold nights we had em piled up there two or three deep. When it's real cold a man can't warm but one side o' hisself at a time there, but the boys took turns actin' as watchman', the watchman's duty bein' to turn t'other fellers over every fifteen minutes. so's to warm the cold side."—Chicago Herald.

New Method of Speech Recording. A promising method of recording and re producing speech is that of M. Leon Esquille It consists in first speaking to a diaphragm having a highly polished surface, from which a ray of light is reflected. The record of this speech is obtained by simply photographing the ray of light upon a traveling band of sensitized paper. After having been devel-oped, the articulation may be reproduced by projecting the image of the trace by means of an electric are or calcium light upon a selenium receiver, the well known apparatus for transforming light impulses into sound vibrations, and the speech is then heard phonograph or Bell's graphaphone, but seems

maining valise to identify its owner. It was it to her.-New York Sun. ax with a piece of broken handle in it and

A Farmer Says It Promises an Open Winter and a Good Wheat Year. "You may depend upon it," said a Rockland county farmer to a reporter last week, "we will have an open winter and a good what year; the goose bone says so." goose bone is accepted by many Rockland county people as better authority than Wiggins, or their Hackensack friend, De Voe In many farm houses it will soon be found hanging in the hall, and upon its predictions ome men place the fullest reliance.

The real prophetic bone, it is claimed, can only be obtained from a goose that was hatched out in the spring, and the goose must not be killed until the Indian summer has passed away. A bone taken from a goose hatched in May last year has a row of dots around the keel of it, indicating the temperature; and the darker the spots the colder the weather. It is claimed that the marks dividing the bone indicate the three winter months, December beginning at the front. Those who have read this year's bone carefully say it indicates more regular weather than that of last year, and not so severe. There will will not be many days during which running water will freeze. The coldest weather will occur during the first half of January, and in that time there will be several days of freezing. It will be the severest part of the whole season. Near the point of the bone the discoloration is a little heavy, thus showing that the first day of winter will give proof of the senson's change. This will be followed by rising temperature and falling weather

for Christmas. January will be ushered in with cold and the cold will strengthen as the days lengthen, the coldest day of the winter being Jan. 8. The severe weather will be brief, followed by rising temperatures and heavy thaws, and the last half of the month will see many rains and snows. During February there will not be any very cold weather, but it will be a rather disagreeable month, with snows and rains. A few cold days will be all that February will contribute to winter. An early and decided thaw is among the promises of the bone. The February thaw will overflow ain streams, and dis may be looked for .- New York Tribune.

PEOPLE OF NOTE.

Lewis H. Stanton, the only surviving son of the great war secretary, is visiting in Washington for the first time in several years. Mr. Stanton lives at Morris, Minn., where he has a large stock farm in the delightful park region which extends over the western and northern part of that state. He is a young nan, considerably less in stature than his father, but resembling him very much in face and mental characteristics. He lives a quiet, uneventful life, shunning politics as he would a prairie fire.

Mr. Heron-Allen, the palm reader, who is now the object of fashionable adoration in New York, is a great traveler. His hobby is the orient and the eastern question. He is the author of many of the "Queer Stories" that appear in London Truth, and in addition to is literary acquirements is quite a linguist. He is a close personal friend of Capt. Burton, the African traveler, and is twice as handsome as Oscar Wilde.

against you, and the Holy Spirit is against rison. At the time of his death he had firm. There are to be six stamp mills, com-

Capt. Billy Walsh, of the Salvation Army attracts considerable attention whenever h takes his walks abroad, for on the front of his red shirt are the words, "Jesus calls you," and on the back, "A burning hell awaits the carcless," and his belt is labeled, "Eternity, The captain picks a banjo extremely well.

Mrs. Margaret Jerome, widow of Gen. erome, the dashing Confederate officer, died in a New York tenement house recently, having existed for several years past in abject poverty. She persistently refused aid from the charitable, and is said to have died of a broken heart. A consin of Charles Dickens, who is said to

able autograph letters of the great novelist. though handsome prices have been offered by Gerald Maxwell is the stage name of a son of Miss Braddon, the novelist, who is a meman accompanying nightmare made up of ber of Wilson Barrett's company. He is

e living in New York under very straitened

reumstances, absolutely refuses to sell valu-

Richard H. Davis, who is coming to the front as a writer of stories for children, is said to inherit his literary talent from his mother, Rebecca Harding Davis. M. Gounod is being pushed by his friends

for a chair among the Forty Immortals, but he does not himself covet the honor, and it is even doubtful if he would accept it, Postmaster General Vilas takes his noonday lunch at a dairy restaurant, where he

gets a mug of milk and a piece of apple pie for fifteen cents. Gen. Neal Dow, who was on the bond of his son-in-law, W. E. Gould, the defaulting Portland cashier, has paid the \$20,000 he was

It is said that ex-Queen Isabella still clings the hope that she will some day again be seated on the throne of Spain. Secretary Lamar considers James Russell

Lowell the best writer of pure English now Ex-Senator Rescoe Conkling never put a arthing upon a horse race, and does not know how to gamble.

Mark Twain is now said to be worth some ing like a million and a half. Mrs. Theodore Tilton is in a Protestant onvent at Newark. Levy is going to play his cornet around the

An Intelligent Dog.

Connecticut has just lost in the death o Carlo, a dog of Farmer Tucker of Oxford, one of her most intelligent residents. It is said that it was common for Mrs. Tucker to send dinner by Carlo to men at work about a mile from the house. The workmen would send him home with a pail for water and he through the telephone connected. This would return with it. Two of the men after method is more troublesome than Edison's cutting wood on one side of the mountain would return with it. Two of the men after went over on to the other side. Carlo finding an ax, and thinking it left by mistake, brought it home, a half mile or more. would lead a horse by the halter. He knew different tools by their names. He knew a Two men, strangers to each other, sat side few families by name. Mr. Tucker, one day by side in a west bound Wasash train. One holding a letter in his hand and saying, of them slept, and when he awoke found that | wish Mrs. Chatfield could see this letter his sent mate had gone, taking his bag, but | Carlo, unbidden, advanced, took it in his leaving one in its place. The conductor was mouth and carried it past several houses to consulted and it was decided to open the re- the house of the person named and presented

What is your business? Where were you by you for nothing as earnestly as though you it can be claimed and he gets his own value used the remainder of a probably unpaid cirborn? What are you doing here? "Oh!" says brought a world of treasures to His feet. Be in exchange.—New York Sun.

THE BOUTONNIERE.

A boutonniere! A dainty thing— Were I a poet I would sing In flowing verse thy beauties rare, O boutonniere! The steel clad knight were on his crest

A bud from her corsage bouquet, Some heliotrope in volute spray, A tendril, too, of maiden's hair—

A ribbon from his tidy werenst; The modern lover still doth wear

Those tendrils wind around my heart, The resolud's thorns have made me smart; Would I could think thou wert no snare, O boutonniere!

—The Argonaut. INTERESTING PARAGRAPHS.

A North East (Md.) citizen has had a coffin made similar to the one in which Gen. Grant was buried, and has requested his family to inter him in it after his decense.

A party of New York Bonemans prop-to establish a large cigar factory at Sag Harbor, which will give employment to stood several large caks. A small colony of bluejays had pre-empted homes there. The away piece by piece.

Iowa towns are loaded up with eleomars genuine dairy butter. A vessel secured \$4,500 worth of sponge

A Kansas baby has an eye in the back of its head.

A Noted French Writer. Jean Richepin, who has just had a play grought out at the Theatre Francais, once belonged to a band of gypsies. The chief's sister fell in love with him and asked him to marry her, the panalty for refusing being death. He covly asked for time to think the matter over, and then fled from the camp and went to Paris. There he led the maddest favored lover he was, and when he became weary of her too demonstrative devotion he fled to the Sahara to escape her. Now he seems in the way to become an altogether proper and conventional member of society. -Chicago Times.

Want to Know the Time. One of the features of a Thanksgiving service in a Minneapolis church was a strikingly beautiful cornet solo. After the service a reporter asked the organist the name of the piece. "It is beautiful, as you say," said the nusician, cautiously, "but it is so particularly secular that the good Presbyterians here would be shocked if they knew what it was." This answer was printed, and now all Minneapolis is trying to find out just what that cornet player played.

Gold Lands in Africa. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat, referring to a contract recently made between a London mining company and an American manu-

Doctor and Lawyer. St. Louis has a physician who guarantee to cure almost any disease for a good round sum, which must always be paid in advance. Of course he often fails, and then the patient wants his money back. The doctor employs him \$5,000 a year salary. The lawyer is so skillful in pacifying angry patients and compromising with implacable ones that the loctor is able to make about \$8,000 a year above all expenses,-New York Sun.

Cure for Snake Bite. Ida Newman, of Quihl, Tex., was bitten by a snake and died, and Maj. Henry Brown writes thus to The Pearsall News: "I read in your last issue of the death from snake bite of little Ida Newman, of Quihl, and my heart almost bled for her parents, under the belief that if they had immediately applied a warm, wet poultice of tobacco the little innocent would have survived. Two just such bites were overcome in just that way near me at

An Odd Silver Dollar. Milkman David Whitney is the possessor of a silver dollar on which the head of the goddess of liberty stands at right angles with the much respect as his knowledge of musty "buzzard" on the other side, as if the old lady laws.—Chicago Times, had been knocked down and the bird was about to commence a banquet upon her flesh. At the Birmingham bank the specimen was ronounced genuine, but entirely unique and

mexplainable.—Ansonia (Conn.) Sentinel. Destitution in the Mountains. There is said to be much destitution among the whites in the mountain region of Giles county, Va. Many people live in open cabins, which afford less shelter in winter for their occupants than do the barns and other buildings in the north used for the shelter of live stock. In winter the somen and children are without shoes and stockings, and sharper is thave scarcely sufficient clothing to cover the officers.

Superstitious Negroes. Several years ago a young girl near Aiken, S. C., was in the act of placing a pitcher on a the post, safe by superstition from the touch military force. of negroes, who believe that the arm which ouches it will be paralyzed. Storms and cy dones and earthquakes have not displaced it, although the post which holds it is fast crumbling with decay.

them.-Chicago Times.

If any readers have received postal cards sailed at Atlanta, Ga., and written any time between 1883 and last week, they may here read an explanation of the delay. The postnaster the other day found over fifty postal letter box. Some of them were three years himself written the note. old. There was nothing to do but to mail them, as it would be a violation of the law to destroy them.

tried on a charge of having defrauded the government. Among those who were found guilty was the chief of the department, Col. Bernard. When he was put into the prison

John S. Mosby is a slight, bent, blonde man, with a cold gray eye containing no more expression than a boy's marble. He talks slowly, never gets excited and does not know what fear is -Detroit Free Press.

AMONG THE WARRING BIRDS.

Blue ays Who Acted the Part of Peacemakers-A Curious Story. A Sesident of Memphis erected on his laws a large bird house, intended as the summer house of a flock of martins. It was a three story affair, and three varieties of birds inhabited it-martins, bluebirds and sparrows. The numbers were about equal. The mixture of breeds did not appear to enuse discontent for a long time. Each bird nation

gathered sticks and straw and other material for nests, and harmony prevailed for weeks. One day, however, the gentleman's family vered that there was something wrong with the inhabitants of the airy house on the lawn. There was unusual commotion, a squealing, pecking and fluttering which denoted trouble in the hitherto happy family. A close watch brought the further discovery that the martins and bluebirds had joined

San Francisco boys stole the roof of the sparrows on being forced from homes and squall, participated in by both sparrows and garine sold by honest old Wisconsin farmers lays. The noise attracted the family, and now two households were watching with interest the actions of the winged tribes.

Shortly the sparrows, seemingly esc in one week's trip along the Florida coast by a number of the jays, returned to the lawn and house. This was followed by a A statue of Guautimoc, now being erected at Paseo, Mexico, will cost the Mexicans \$100,000.

Iawn and house. This was followed by a convention of bird music, in which the jays took the prominent part. By and by the bedlam of voices ceased, and the jays did the burden took the prominent part. By and by the bedlam of voices ceased, and the jays did the burden took the prominent part. By and by the bedlam of voices ceased, and the jays did the burden to but the movement was so slow that the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the jays did the burden to burden the dancers really only walked to and the dancers really only walked to an and the dancers really only walked to an and the dancers really only walked to an and the dancers the oaks, leaving quiet and peace on the lawn. The three bird colonies worked all bearing the number of persons in the forth for fully ten minutes, then sudummer without further jar or disagreement, Did the jays act the part of peacemakers!-Keokuk Cor. Globe-Democrat.

> Isaac Simonds, a negro, of Boston, Mass., is old, and was once a slave. Nine years ago, while visiting in Louisville, Ky., he took gradually losing its ebony color, until now be would readily pass for a white man.

When a wealthy Chinaman is sentenced to and a low bow, and then yawns and stretches -Detroit Free Press. A Wooden Legged Cow.

Some eighteen months ago an English farmer successfully amoutated one of the hind logs of a valuable and well bred short horn cow, the object being to retain the cow

The Great Fronde Myth

In speaking of Professor Norton's recent "The Carlyle fable-the great Froude myth of the dyspeptic literary monster and the martyred wife-was never thoroughly In Chicago, of Course. Bridget-Ma'am, Of've tuk the crape off'n

the dure. Phat will Oi do with it? Chicago Widow-Put it away carefully Bridget. It has already served on two of these melancholy occasions, and we cannot tell what may happen.—Rambler. Went All the Way Down. A negro well digger in Lesburg, Ga., was alarmed at the disappearance of his crowbar,

which he was using in the bottom of a well. Investigation showed that a thin crust of stone was between him and a pool of cold water twenty feet in diameter, Justice Miller, of the United States supreme bench, is the John L. Sullivan of that learned body. It is said that his skill with Indian

Joe Demones, 15 years old, and black, went down to the landing at Jeffersonville, Ind., ing she blew her whistle viciously, and immediately the boy lost the power of speech and hasn't spoken since.

A New York sharper, who only had deskroom himself in an office, "rented" the rest of | Joker, a younger son of a lord, likely The money was paid in advance, and the

An Expired Treaty. The treaty with Mexico which permitted troops to cross from either country into the other in pursuit of hostile Indians expired reence post when she was struck dead by light- cently. United States troops now crossing Since then the pitcher has remained on | the line must go as citizens instead of as a

> Large swarms of locusts are again spreading devastation in various parts of Mexico. The inhabitants are engaged in a combined effort to extinguish the pests, and thousands are killed daily.--Chicago Times. Wanted Moral Sussion.

A lad in South Boston having handed his teacher a note reading, "Licking don't do this boy no good; talk to him," provoked an incards that had fallen under a board of the quiry that led to the discovery that he had For a day of ten hours a woman in Ger-

many working in the fields gets 15 to 30 50 cents, machinists and carpenters 75 cents to \$1, and masons \$1. A Big Nugget. A gold nugget weighing thirty-five pounds suit and his decorations were removed from and valued at \$6,000, is on exhibition in San his breast, he was struck with apoplexy and Francisco. It was found in the northeastern

> A Strange Disease. John Snyder, the hoosier whose only relief from the effects of a strange disease is in aland takes his meals on the go.

one ever unearthed.

PLEASURES OF THE STEERAGE.

Experiences of Two Young Men on an Ocean Steamer-Stealing Food. "The rates for a first-class passage to Europe and back have fallen so low that which faced both of the large rooms

ger?" asked the reporter.

nation under the sun. Our bedroom night in question struck into the first opher to recruit his adepts among the forces and were making a mighty effort to was below decks, fifty by twenty feet in dance of the evening in "Vals Tropical." wealthy, few hours after leaving port, when we began to think of our supper and to wonder what the bill of fare might be, a new city hall, which is of lead, taking it nests took refuge in the oaks. Their advent gangway in good spirits, but no signs of again. The time is very slow and the the rich. The baker is a living anatomy was followed by bird chatter, and chirp and the feast were visible. A bare pine table air is languishing and enticing. Hardly -pale, thin, prematurely old, a martyr was in the center of our bunk room, had the first notes sounded when the to rheumatism, and ever suffering from Twenty-four of us surrounded it. The room was filled with dancers, and in a a graveyard cough. He works in a celbunks like hungry vultures. The steward now showed himself, with bell in hand, measured cadence as the strains of the current of air flowing from the street and invited us to be seated. We finally orchestra. The step taken was the waltz. railings to the mouth of the flery furtalking or chirping. They soon returned to tickets—one for wine and coffee, the word and with perfectly immovable office accepting bakers lives for any party. We were also allowed two pans, denly stop, walk around or sit down, drop as he puddles at the dough. Each one deep and the other shallow, and and as suddenly go at it again. with these two of us were told to get from the kitchen rations for the squad. Jim and I failed to grab a tin cup, iron turning white every day. He is over 60 years fork and spoon when we had a chance. and as these articles were scarce were kind of a Bohemian existence, played on the sick, and after a three weeks' illness recov- and from a saucepan in common with a stage with Sarah Bernhardt, whose most ered. But ever since then his skin has been fat German until we hooked these luxuries from our neighbors.

"The delegates sent to the kitchen for our first meal, after waiting for an hour were sent away rejoicing with a stew death he repays the judge with a bland smile | composed of odds and ends of meats and vegetables, immersed in a thick, brown, and goes home. He can in most cases hire a uninviting gravy. You can imagine stitute for \$30 in American money to suf- that the menu was not very appetizing fer in his stead, and is only troubled because to a delicate stomach. I really envied the trial interferes with his routine daily life. the two comely girls at our table, for the first mate took such a fancy to them that not only their lodging places but their food was very much improved. For the fine old lace trimmings, and her few rain of molten iron striking the earth, next few days we were too sick to use what we got. After that Jim and I lost considerable flesh, until a couple of Engfor breeding purposes, while a wooden leg was affixed to the stump. The cow is now a to the cook's or baker's supplies, when mother, and has a fine bull calf running by we formed quite a successful confed.

The party watched the dancing intently, nessed and swayed to and fro just as eracy. A way of loafing around the but did not converse much, the daughkitchen resulted in numerous gains of ters casting glances around from under the water is by the motion of the cloud's During the last canvass in St. Louis the boiled potatoes. A large leg of mutton their long eyelashes once in a while that or wind. The only stars I saw were Jesus, and the leaves, and the leaves and th vithin half an hour. The last two days were good for this sport, as the pastry posite this pastry-room was the bread nered, invariably spoke first to the as near as I can judge. The piazza had room busy stirring ice cream. Just opcook's room, at the window of which that official usually stood. In order to divert his attention from the real game,

> we were after. So much running around after food and only getting half enough then made us somewhat weak, and we were glad to lie down upon any convenient spot regardless of the dirt of the "For six nights of our voyage I slept on deck, as I objected to a bed already

filled with life. "I must say a word about our compagnns de voyage. Werner, ruler of the o-called 'Werner gang,' was in charge of a party from the Romanich valleys clubs and boxing gloves has won him as portions according to his own pleasure. Though he was rough and could swear

> women, old and young. Good looks laugh, curly brown hair, rosy cheeks and a powerful frame.

the place to an Englishman for \$500 a year. enough, but who had gone to the devil; 'Pat,' a representative son of Ireland, sharper is now some distance in advance of and Greenhorn Jack,' a fellow of 25 of late under these dark archways, and a brass band, or Barnum's circus. The years, trying his luck in a foreign land, hence the precaution. who was the funniest looking fellow I ever saw. His eyes were mere peep city we pursued our way until a corner

An Artist's Awfel Realism. painted his "John the Baptist" the Turkcents, a man 20 to 50 cents, seamstresses 20 to advice. The sultan admired his work, and bright colored dominoes with wierd and declared the neck of the decapitated effect. Threading our way through these ghastly remains the sultan argued the mouth of an immense demon's part of the state, and is the largest and finest gave profited by this horrible experience cles and severed arteries with frightful intensity in the copies of his original study.-Chicago News.

A CARNIVAL BALL IN CUBA.

Scenes in the Casino Espanol-A Labyrinth of Artificial Grottoes, The orchestra has taken their seats on a miniature stage built in the corner I would forego the pleasure of crossing stretching out at right angles to each from the time when Abraham comin the steerage again," said a friend to a other, and whose floors of white marble were covered with persons, most of whose floors of white marble manded Sarah, to knead fine meal, and make eakes to give a morsel of bread to his three angel visitors. The bakers and masked, promenading up and down. are the most inoffensive of citizens; "Yes, I was hard up last summer, and The few men who were not masked like the butchers, they will never be I had to either try the steerage or swim. wore ordinary afternoon or business found to figure in political riots or My friend Jim H. was with me, and we suits, only one dress suit being visible, revolutions. The baker's life passes

are not likely to forget our experience. and few of the ladies, even those not in away in silence; he works by night and "We boarded the ship at Havre with a dominos, wore low-necked dresses. fine crowd of Italians, French, Germans, After an introductory overture, the and his numerous family shows how he Swiss, and representatives of every other orchestra at the Casino Espanol on the Ignores Malthus. He leaves that philosbell was heard. We rushed down the hours in length, played over and over- broking institutions-which lent only to The remaining 275 sat perched upon the moment it seemed as if a human wave lar, from 7 in the evening till 4 in the

A typical Cuban family were my near march to the grave. No wonder that in neighbors. The father, a short and very early Rome, slaves, ave, and in chains stout gentleman, who was evidently an too, were condemned to the kneading officer of the club from the deference trough and flour-mill as penal punishthat was paid him, was nearest me, ment. In the fourth century in France, compelled to eat with our pocket knives Then came two daughters, aged, respect- so difficult was it to obtain men to make ively, about 17 and 20 years, and both bread, that the master bakers estabvery pretty, with the blackest hair and eyes, pearly teeth, and delicate complexion-their faces for a wonder not covered | thickly with the white Cascarilla powder which disfigures the majority of the Cuban women; and then the mother, a This may explain why the Romans infine-looking, gray-haired woman of about sisted that the sons of bakers should be-45. The daughters were dressed very come bakers. plainly in high-necked colored lawn iresses. They were gloves, but no jewelry, and carried handsome fans ex-

quisitely painted by hand. The mother the "runati-iddleum" of the grand chain began, beans began to arrive, at first sparks or stars appeared except at the singly, then by twos and threes. These end of the line of fire rain, which youths, all well dressed and well man- stopped about five feet from the earth, father, then shook hands with the daugh- three steps from the ground. I could ters in turn, and then, after bowing to not have been more than three feet the mothers, sat down and talked with high, and the line of fire rain burst into the latter. In a few minutes, consethe rape of the cake opposite, Jim at one quently, the good lady was surrounded time pretended to grab some bread while with beaus, all talking and gesticulating another of our band carried off the prize while the fair daughters still sat alone. This continued until the next dance, a around the yard, and the road led di-"Vals Tropical," began, when suddenly two of the youths left the mother and, evidently by previous arrangement, offered their arms to the daughters, and but a lurid light greater than I have were soon with the latter treading the ever seen since. Objects were perfectly

slow measures of the to us curious discernible, though not so well as by After enjoying some delicious ices brought in we decided to leave this ball for one at another club some blocks away. By this time it was nearly midof Switzerland. His subject took his the streets still thronged with maskers a burning building. He will leave his lordly manner very meekly. At meal all shouting and laughing, but, strange business, his dinner, or any other occutime their ruler presided over the gang's to say, in every few instances intoximeat and soup dish and dealt out the cated. As we walked along a tall, ungainly negress, fantastically clad in sacking, strode by us muttering to herself roundly at them, he was very just. He and with a crowd of gamins following was a particular favorite with the and hooting at her. The lady of our party drew back in fright. "Only a aided him here; a bright eye, a jolly crazy woman," said our Cuban companions. "They allow them to roam about the street here." Coming to a "Among the English gang were: block where the sidewalk was under an 'Harry,' familiarily called the 'Bloody | areade we took the middle of the street, and to my wondering query as to the reason for this procedure I was told that | crowd in a shorter space of time and there had been several persons stabbed So through the narrow streets of the

holes, his nose was tipped up so much turned, revealed a wider street filled that the bridge was lost sight of, his with people in front of a low building mouth constantly stretched with a grin, brilliantly illuminated and through displaying teeth of only half the ordin- whose windows floated out again on the ary length. A brown, stubby chin beard | warm air the strains of a "Vals Tropical." did not increase his good looks, A hat It was the club-house whither we were was on fire. However great may be of a style several years back was a bound and where a second ball was in the excitement consequent upon a target for the playful and rough wit of progress. A delay of a few moments at conflagration at the time, it soon is messmates. The poor fellow merely the doorway while our invitations were dies away after the cause has been rerinned at the rough jokes played on carefully scrutinized ensued, and we moved, and it takes but a few hours for nim. He was rather quiet, probably then entered the first of a labyrinth of the matter to be forgotten by all except homesick, for he had little money and rooms made to resemble grottos, the those who have suffered the loss. walls and ceilings being covered with papiermache, corrugated and painted At irregular intervals there projected Concerning the awful realism of from the walls huge serpents of papier-Titian's anatomical drawing and color- mache holding in their mouths vari- vated nodosities in a girl between 13 ing this story is told: When he first colored lights. The orchestra was con- and 18 years of age, found the microbes cealed, but to its strains the dancers, ish ambassador urged him to go to Con- here all masked, moved slowly round, stantinople to sell it. He followed that the lights falling on their rich costumes apostle was not correctly represented. rooms we descended some steps through Now," said the sultan, "I will show what appeared a large cavern and found you." Calling a slave the royal despot ourselves in a large ball-room again filled drew his own blade and severed the vas- with dancers. Looking back, we saw sal's head from his body. Over his that our entrance had been through the astice of his criticism. Titian is said to whence streams of maskers continually issued, or through which they continuand thereafter depicted the drawn mus- ally disappeared.—Cor. New York Times, Color-blindness is said to have been first reported in 1777.

THE BAKERS OF PARIS.

Quiet Life-Severity of the Work-Worn Out at the Age of 50,

[Paris Cor. Chicago Journal.] Parisian bakers excel all others in the quality of their bread and yet its prosleeps by day. He is generally married,

Listen to the sigh, and note the head thud is a premature beat in his funeral lished public houses near their workshops to entice men inside, and when the visitors were muddled they were ro, ped through a trap-door and made sped divulged this Tour de Nesle.

> The Meteoric Shower of 1832. (Cor. Blackshear (Gn.) Georgian.)

It was a rain of fire, not stars. The stars, or sparks, not only occurred at wore plain black silk and velvet, with the end of the lines of fire. Imagine a diamonds sparkled with an unmistakable each drop bursting into sparks. Nothinster. Every now and then the son, a ing else will compare. I could not now young man of about 24, would come up, describe it, if experience with founwhisper a few words to his mother, and dries and smith-shops had not afforded

The strangest feature to me was no sparks on a level with my eyes. None that I saw struck the earth, but after sparkling on this line disappeared, to be succeeded by others in quick succession. I recollect distinctly observing the scene rectly from the gale, and wondering why none of the fire or sparks reached the earth. It was not as light as day

Cicelonati Commercial Gazette. There is perhaps no excitement to which the average New Yorker is more night, and the waning moon only half lit suscentible than that which arises from pation which he may be engaged in at the time, to run to a fire, and whether he has stopped to put on his bat or pick up his coat will be with him an after onsideration. A fire engine drawn by e arms out of the sockets of the had less driver, with its sparks flying and its gong beating, can draw in its wake a perfect army of small boys and turn the most peaceful neighborhood at any hour of the day or night into a perfect

A fire can gather together a bigget hold it longer than a political meeting mere whisper of the word "fire" in a crowded hall or theatre will suffice to bring an audience to its feet at once, and will cause women to shrick faint and men to turn white as their own shirt-fronts. The wildest tempest at sea could scarcely give mero alarm to the passengers of an ocean steamer than the information that the ship

The Bacilli of Leprosy. Paul Guttmann, in a careful study of the bacilli of leprosy, observed in elealways collected in cells, a feature which distinguishes them at once from the bacilli of tuberculosis, while the fact that they stain more easily than the lat ter further distinguishes them. The bacilli are found especially in the skin, but also in other organs the seat of the disease, and even in the blood. As a rule, the organisms are extremely num erous at the seat of the lesions. Their microscopic appearances are the same in every case, and hence it is no longer doubtful that they are the cause of the leprosy, notwithstanding the failure of attempts to inoculate animals. These seem to be refactory to the disease, in-

asmuch as in no case has it ever been

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